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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: DeSimone et al.

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For: *METHODS OF MAKING FOAMED MATERIALS USING SURFACTANTS
AND CARBON DIOXIDE*

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Washington, DC 20231

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED 23 DECEMBER 2003**

Dear Sirs:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2002. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and allowance of the present application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-15, 23 and 65-68.

Please amend the following claims to the form set forth below; changes to the claims are indicated in the attached appendix entitled "Version with Markings to Indicate Changes."

DI 145. (amended) A method of producing a foamed material, said method comprising:
contacting a mixture of thermoplastic polymers consisting of PVDF and PMMA,
wherein the mixture of thermoplastic materials is amorphous; and
subjecting the mixture to conditions sufficient to create a thermodynamic instability in
the mixture to foam the mixture, wherein the foamed material formed by said method has a
plurality of distinct void spaces formed therein having an average size ranging from about 0.1
to about 50 microns.